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# The Elba Clipper

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During Elba Board of Education meeting  
**\$6 million budget approved**

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

The Elba City School Board

approved a budget in excess of \$6 million for the 2001-2002 school year ending on September 30, 2002. These budget figures were used mindful of the continuing proration of state education funds according to Superintendent Danny Weeks. The total general fund budget expenditures for the coming fiscal year is \$6,199,607. There are some other incidental income and expenditures on the budget, in addition to the above figures, but they are earmarked for special uses. The entire general fund budget is projected to have a \$68,048 balance of income over expenses.

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COFFEE COUNTY PEANUTS...It's that time of year again when the farmers mount their tractors and head for the field to gather the largest of the ever popular "goobers." That's right...peanut season has arrived, and this time local farmers are expecting a better year thanks to the rains the area has received. According to officials, in the Coffee County net about 20,000 acres planted in peanuts. The average yield for the product a year ago was about 1,119 pounds per acre. This year, however, the expected yield is to be around 2,700 pounds per acre. That means local residents should not have any trouble finding the 'ole goober' to enjoy as an afternoon snack, while watching a football game, or for any other occasion that may arise.

## Coffee County BOE approves \$12.4 million budget

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The Coffee County Board of Education centered its focus on the annual budget last Thursday, Aug. 30, during a special meeting.

The board held public hearings concerning the annual budget for fiscal year 2001-2002 on Monday, Aug. 27, and Thursday, Aug. 30. At the conclusion of the second hearing on Thursday, the board met in special session to approve the budget.

Before any action was taken, however, Superintendent Dr. Linda Ingram addressed some questions that had been asked during the hearings concerning the budget.

The board, thing the superintendent did was explain how budget flexibility works.

She said because of proration, the state gave school boards a number of categories that they could flex monies in order to pay other things such as salaries for teachers and support personnel.

Next, Ingram explained that

Brooks elected to ACCA board

Coffee County Commissioner

Bernest Brooks has been elected to the Board of Directors of the Association of County Commissions of Alabama (ACCA), which is a statewide association representing Alabama's county governments.

"We are excited about Bernest

and the leadership he will provide for our association," said

Billy Ray Williams, Etowah

County Commissioner and presi-

dent of the ACCA. "County govern-

ments are undergoing a tremendous

change and our board of direc-

tors must provide insight and

vision for the 67 county govern-

ments facing these changes."

The organization promotes

improved county government

services in Alabama, offers edu-

cational programs for county

officials and their staff mem-

bers, administers insurance pro-

grams for county govern-

ments and employees, offers legal

advice and assistance and repre-

sents the interest of county gov-

ernments before state organiza-

other sources.

The \$12,452,008 earmarked for expenditures is reached with \$7,191,671 going towards instructional services, \$1,762,120 for instructional support services, \$814,091 for operation and maintenance, \$1,624,411 for auxiliary services, \$608,186 for general administrative services, \$33,000 for capital outlay, \$296,171 for debt services and \$122,447 earmarked for other expenditures.

After adopting the annual budget for fiscal year 2001-2002, the board received an update on the Child Internet Protection Act from Golda Donaldson.

Donaldson updated the board on the school system's Internet policy which she said was already in place, but a few changes had been made to it.

The beginning balance on Oct. 1 will be \$2,431,120 with the end balance on Sept. 30 being \$2,114,524.

Of the total of \$12,053,391 in state

revenues, \$7,929,099 is state

funds, \$2,591,858 is local

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other sources.

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Local veterinarian participates with Maddie's Fund

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The Alabama Veterinary

Medical Association (ALVMA)

recently embarked into an

effort to help control the pet

population in Alabama through

a program called the Maddie's

Fund.

Working in cooperation with

ALVMA is the Alabama

Humane Federation and the

Alabama Animal Control

Association.

"This program could es-

entially help eliminate the

euthanasia of healthy, adoptable

animals," said Dr. Faith B.

Drumheller, DVM.

After reviewing the changes

with board members during the

meeting, it was determined that

the board members will vote to

accept the changes at the next

regular board meeting.

Drumheller, the Southeast

goal is to have 10,000

spays or neuters across the

state. As goals are achieved,

Maddie's Fund will make

approximately \$2.5 million

available over the next two

years.

The Maddie's Fund effort is

being titled, "The Big Fix for

Alabama," and Drumheller said

all an eligible pet owner has to

do is make an appointment with

one of the participating

## EDITORIAL

BRAINSTORMS  
With Ferrin Cox

All our beer drinking buddies are probably real excited about new stuff just released by a small brewery on Orkney Island, located just off Scotland. The unique flavor of this "Stone Age" beer will it is reportedly spiced with honest to goodness animal dung... my sentiments exactly. Actually the promo for this stuff claims they have carefully researched and copied a formula from the early days of history. We know nothing about all this, except what we read in some advertising report on "unique" products. Also, if we were beer drinkers, this idea would probably cure our itch.

One itch we did get a couple of weeks ago was to buy a lottery ticket. There was a lot of news in the papers and on the radio about a big multi-million dollar lottery "roll up yesterday" and then the Florida lottery got up pretty big also. Therefore on a Friday afternoon we did a five dollar impulse buy. Having long ago realized we could make more money by keeping the money in our pocket, it was little or no surprise when we didn't win. However, since five dollars gets you five chances to win something there was a little bit of hope to at least get our five dollar bill back. Can you believe that out of all those numbers, there was only one matching number on our ticket? Now the odds have got to improve on that and since there was no winner at all that week, we tried again last week for the even bigger jackpot and YES, YES, YES, things got better, we got two correct numbers out of that whole bunch. Now that is a doubling of successful picking so logic could lead us to think we would get four right on the next try and be in the money. But the loudest logic is that old logic which says we will be better off to keep the money in our pocket. And keep it in our pocket is exactly what we plan to do. Heddy's only comment after the first time was "Just think how much bread that would have bought for someone." The second comment wasn't mentioned, but she will know after this is printed, and we can only accept reality and say "Yes 'un."

The older the average human gets, the more interest there is for health information. In our case, we also get helpful advice from our loving children. This week daughter Michele passed on an update on kidney stones. Knowing her dad had been flat on his back on two separate occasions with that awful pain, she gave us the latest on kidney stone prevention. The newest word is to increase calcium intake, exactly opposite of the official word when our first kidney stone hit some 30 years ago. The kidney experts now want us to even take a calcium supplement, saying "that calcium may prevent the formation of kidney stones by inhibiting the body's excretion of oxalate, a compound commonly found in the stones." A footnote on the news article we read indicates taking these supplements can also add about 18 months to our life span. Oh, you social security folks better watch out if millions of us suddenly start drawing 18 more monthly SS checks. However we must remember that many medical experts caution against taking too much of any vitamin supplement.

It is hard to predict what is going to happen in Montgomery with the Alabama legislature in this special session. While we thought it was a no brainer for them to redistrict the U. S. House of Representatives seats according to the plan unanimously recommended by the sitting House members (both Democratic and Republican), party politics got into the issue and now even that isn't sure. The Alabama Board of Education redistricting has hit similar problems so it too is in confusion at this writing. Also, the ethics bills from both the Governor and the Lt. Governor have a long way to go before passage. The Lt. Governor's bill has no chance of a snowball in hell in any special session. However he knew that all along but needed his efforts on the upcoming 2002 governor's race. The water is muddier on Siegelman's ethics proposal as it only needs a majority vote. There are some private comments from a few lawmakers opposing either bill and about keeping it "politics as usual." Of course they use fancier words that we did, but the statements translate into the same meaning.

At press time Elba Mayor James Grimes is still waiting for the cash money from the state to move forward with the levee upgrade project. He has Senator Jimmy Holley and Representative Terry Spicer rattling chains in the state capital in hopes of finally getting someone with the checkbook off dead center and agreeing to forward the needed money as committed by both Governor Siegelman and the Alabama Legislature.

## ELBA GENERAL HOSPITAL REPORT

Elba General Hospital had the following patients admitted during the time period of August 27, 2001, through September 2, 2001. They were: Winnie James, Patricia Price, Betty Wilson, Minnie Matthews, Kelly Johnson, Britton Dean, Erica Edwards, Harold Lawford, Martha Lee, Maurine Sexton, Ronnie Parker, Theo Mauldin, C.L. Nelson, Penny Engram, David Finger, Rhonda Johnson, Lois Edigar, Nancy Turner, Aaron Tidwell, Chris Fowler, Mary Fowler and Rhonda Johnson.

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## Organ donors bring new life to those who are sick

by Linda Hodge, Editor

In last week's edition of The Elba Clipper, Mr. Bill Stillwell of Phenix City, Ala., wrote a letter to the editor concerning organ donors.

I, personally, do not know Mr. Stillwell, but the remarks he made through his letter really hit home with me.

Mr. Stillwell spoke of his diabetes, kidney disease, dialysis and kidney transplant. After giving some thought to his letter, I realized it is a very difficult thing to have to think about, but at the same time, I have been forced to realize that it is one of the most selfless acts we can perform as a family.

As her daughter, I have become more aware of the ups and downs of kidney failure than I ever wanted to know.

As an organ donor, makes a decision that will effect the lives of more people than he/she could imagine. This decision makes the biggest difference in the world to the family of the recipient.

It is my prayer, as well as the prayer of my whole family, that

one day my mother will be the recipient of a donor's kidney. If she is so lucky, we will probably never know anything much about the organ donor, but that person will certainly be a hero in my book.

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An organ donor brings new life to a person, and no one could ask for a better gift than that.

It is very hard to see how weak the treatment makes her and to watch her struggle not have too much fluid intake between treatments, but we have to accept the stone cold fact that she would die without dialysis.

There are many people in this world who live with conditions like my mother and Mr. Stillwell, but the light at the end of the tunnel for these people is the thought of organ donors.

An organ donor is a blessing for someone who is dealing with

the older the average human gets, the more interest there is for health information. In our case, we also get helpful advice from our loving children. This week daughter Michele passed on an update on kidney stones. Knowing her dad had been flat on his back on two separate occasions with that awful pain, she gave us the latest on kidney stone prevention. The newest word is to increase calcium intake, exactly opposite of the official word when our first kidney stone hit some 30 years ago. The kidney experts now want us to even take a calcium supplement, saying "that calcium may prevent the formation of kidney stones by inhibiting the body's excretion of oxalate, a compound commonly found in the stones." A footnote on the news article we read indicates taking these supplements can also add about 18 months to our life span. Oh, you social security folks better watch out if millions of us suddenly start drawing 18 more monthly SS checks. However we must remember that many medical experts caution against taking too much of any vitamin supplement.

The following arrests were made: two for failure to appear and one for violation of conditions of release.

Traffic citations issued during the week were as follows: two for failure to wear a seat belt, one for driver's license, three for an expired tag, twenty for violation of the seat belt law, three for driver's license not in possession, two for an expired driver's license, two for no insurance, two for a driver's license, one for a non-current driver's license and two for an unexpired driver's license.

Daily activity highlights for the week were as follows:

MONDAY, AUGUST 27 - Coffee County EMS dispatched to 2016 Hwy. 87 N (2:40 a.m.); Wreck reported on Hwy. 87 N (4:20 a.m.); Minor wreck reported at Dr. Cochran's office (2:18 p.m.); Alarm activated at 266 Plant Ave. (4:42 p.m.); Burglary reported at 1584 Caroline St. Apt. C (8:57 p.m.);

FRIDAY, AUGUST 31 - Coffee County EMS dispatched to 4339 Reese Ave. (4:20 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 9241 Hwy. 189-S (5:20 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to Kelly Food Mart (5:21 a.m.); Alarm tag (3:15 p.m.); Alarm activated at 765 N Claxton (12:12 p.m.); Alarm activated at the Elba Nursing Home (3:23 p.m.); Civil disturbance (fighting) reported at North Morrow (9:12 p.m.).

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THURSDAY, AUGUST 30 - Report of a dog barking on Plant Ave. (12:15 p.m.); River stage - 4.18 feet (6:50 a.m.); Minor wreck reported at Dr. Cochran's office (2:18 p.m.); Alarm activated at 266 Plant Ave. (4:42 p.m.); Burglary reported at 1584 Caroline St. Apt. C (8:57 p.m.);

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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 2 - River stage - 2.64 feet (6:10 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 8446 County Road 105 (3:40 p.m.); Alarm activated at 76 County Road 368 (7:24 p.m.); Routine activity.

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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 1 - Coffee County EMS dispatched to 2016 Hwy. 87 N (2:40 a.m.); Wreck reported on Hwy. 87 N (4:20 a.m.); Alarm activated at Merrill Shirley's office (12:05 p.m.); Alarm activated at The Jewel Box (12:09 p.m.); Routine activity.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 2 - River stage - 6.36 feet (6:45 a.m

# CHURCH & AREA NEWS



## ROUND & ABOUT WITH ERIA 897-2004

Round and About with Eria  
Script: Proverbs 14:1-35  
Thinking of you, praying for you. The Hutcherson Family, Lizzie Tyree, Rev. Charles Lane, Lela Tyson, Mary S. Dawson, Marcus Kelley and Leo Henderson  
September Birthdays and Anniversary Wiley and Juanita Brooks, D.J. Belcher, Duad Hall, Arthur Gilford, Elba and the late Grover Belcher, R.C. Carpenter, Shambra Samuels, Romine and Kimberly Russell  
Annual Day Celebration The pastor, Minister and Deacon of the Harris Temple Church, Elba, in Christ, Elba, Alabama will celebrate their annual day, Saturday, September 8, 2001 at 7:00 p.m. Elder W.K. Ellison, pastor and Mrs. Ruby Johnson, president, Matron's Banquet, Rocky Head and Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church, Matrons Department will host a Matron's Banquet, September 21, 2001 at 2:30 p.m.  
Appreciation Service for Mrs. Anna Flowers at Shady Grove A.M.E. Church Elba, Alabama Rev. F.L. Flowers, pastor Saturday, September 8, 2001 at 7:00 p.m.  
Appreciation Service for Mrs. F.L. Flowers at Shady Grove A.M.E. Church Elba, Alabama Sunday, September 9, 2001 at 2:30 p.m.  
"Hold me - it hurts" is a good day: be grateful! Rev. J.G. Chatmon, Moderator

Local students are August graduate of MacArthur Technical College in Opp

State Treasurer Lucy Baxley provided the commencement address from graduates of MacArthur State Technical College on Thursday, Aug. 16, at the Opp High School Auditorium. 166 students completed graduation requirements. Local students are: Debra Manning, Anna Pittman, Donnie Howell, Maxine Kelley, Debra Prescott and Jessica Folmar; all of Brantley; Sherry Hartman, Wendy Lyster, Denech Horstead; Jennifer Bryan, of New Brockton.

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Rev. Eddie Totten, Pastor  
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.  
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.  
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.  
**BAPTIST CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
Rev. J. F. Weday, Pastor  
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.  
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.  
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.  
**BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Darryl Caldwell, Pastor  
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.  
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.  
West. Bible Class 6:30 p.m.  
**BETHEL AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH**  
Rev. Eddie Totten, Pastor  
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.  
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.  
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.  
**ELBA FIRST ASSEMBLY OF GOD**  
Rev. John I. Baster, Pastor  
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.  
Morning Worship 10:45 a.m.  
Evening Services 6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.  
**ELBA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
Rev. John I. Baster, Pastor  
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.  
Morning Worship 10:45 a.m.  
Evening Services 6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.  
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Rev. John I. Baster, Pastor  
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Morning Worship 10:45 a.m.  
Evening Services 6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.  
**ELBA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
Rev. John I. Baster, Pastor  
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.  
Morning Worship 10:45 a.m.  
Evening Services 6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.  
**CHESTNUT GROVE METHODIST CHURCH**  
Rev. Larry Gill, Pastor  
Church Service 9:00 a.m.  
2nd & 4th Sunday  
Sunday School 9:00 a.m.  
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.  
Evening Services 6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.  
**DAMASCUS BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Rev. M. Hill, Minister  
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.  
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.  
Evening Services 6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.  
**DORCAS BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.  
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.  
Discipleship Training 5:00 p.m.  
Evening Services 6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Prayer Meeting 7:00 p.m.  
**ELBA ZION BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Lowell Martin, Pastor  
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.  
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.  
Evening Services 6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.  
**ELBA FAITH CHAPEL COMMUNITY CHURCH**  
Denny Sherer, Pastor  
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.  
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.  
Evening Services 6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.

9th Episcopal District AMEC 87th Session of the South Alabama Annual Conference planned for September 12



## PASTOR'S CORNER

Dr. Tony Dye  
Westside Baptist Church

### Hold me - it hurts

"Nothing shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord." (Romans 8:39)

When Bishop Z. L. Grady, Presiding Prelate of the Ninth Episcopal District of the African Methodist Episcopal Church, convenes the 87th Session of the South Alabama Annual Conference on Sept. 12, Presiding Horace J. Fitchard, Jr. will be ready to proclaim the Word of God to hundreds of waiting worshippers. Host Pastor, Reverend Horace Cox of Greater St. Paul A.M.E. Church in Troy, and Host Presiding Elder David E. Redick, and their members have been making preparations for this event for the past several months. Presiding Elder J. F. McCloud, leader of the Ozark District and Senior Presiding Elder of the South Alabama Conference, and Presiding Elder J. D. Sanders, leader of the Dothan-Eufaula District, will serve as Associate Presiding Elders.

Reverend Fitchard, pastor of the St. Paul A.M.E. Church in Ozark, was selected to preach the Annual Sermon during the opening of this event—the pinnacle of the Conference Year for A.M.E.'s in the Wiregrass Area. Pastor Fitchard has been prayerfully preparing his message, humbly thanking God for this opportunity to preach his first Annual Sermon. This hard working pastor, a leader in the Ozark District and the South Alabama Conference, is known for his sincere devotion to preaching the gospel and has an ardent delivery of and insight into the Word of God. This service is always spirit-filled and sets the stage for the four days of worship services, church reports, workshops and business meetings.

Reverend Samuel Smith, Pastor of the Stringer Street A.M.E. Church in Dothan, has been chosen to preach the Missionary Sermon on Wednesday Night. Rev. Smith is a leading pastor in the Dothan-Eufaula District and in the South Alabama Conference, always delivers a dynamic sermon with a lasting message.

Other events include the Lay Night Program on Thursday, Sept. 13 at 7:30 p.m. and an Evening With the Young People's Division on Friday evening at 6:30 p.m.

Bishop Grady will bring the

New Life Worship Center to host Annual Women's Conference

New Life Worship Center will be hosting Annual Women's Conference September 7 and 8, 2001. This year's speaker will be Scarlett Bishop of Faith Christian Center, Panama City Beach, Fl. In addition to Pastor Scarlett, Lisa Jenkins will be leading in Praise

and Worship with special music by guest Delores Shehee. The Friday evening service will begin at 7:00 p.m. with registration at the door. The Saturday morning service will begin at 10:00 a.m. with a Continental Breakfast beginning at 9:00 a.m.

**Wendy Boutwell named to Dean's List at UAB**

Wendy R. Boutwell of Elba, a student in the School of Health Related Professions at the University of Alabama at Birmingham (UAB) was named to the dean's list for the summer

**The Episcopal Church of the Epiphany in Enterprise to present concert**

The Episcopal Church of the Epiphany, located at 302 East Grubbs Ave., Enterprise, is presenting a concert of classical music, flute, violin and organ on Sunday, Sept. 23 at 3 p.m.

A local chamber music trio, Con Brio, will provide an exciting blend of Baroque and Impressionist music. Con Brio's members are Ingrid Teclaw, violin; Lenore McKee, flute; and Dr. Jean Bynum, organ and keyboard.

Tickets are \$4 in advance and can be purchased by sending a self-addressed stamped envelope with a check for the amount to the church. Tickets may also be purchased at the door for \$5.

More information on the season for The Epiphany Church of the Epiphany is available at 334-347-8210.

**Taylor Hill Community Baptist Church**

Rev. Mrs. Silas Mauldin

Sunday School 10:00 a.m.

Evening Service 5:00 p.m.

Thurs. Night Service 7:00 p.m.

Friday Prayer Meeting 5:00 p.m.

**Mustard Seed Foundation**

Sunday School 10:00 a.m.

Evening Service 5:00 p.m.

Wed. Night Service 5:00 p.m.

**Living Word Pentecostal Church**

Andy Marler, Pastor

Sunday School 10:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship 9:45 a.m.

Evening Service 6:00 p.m.

Wed. Service 7:00 p.m.

**Greater New Zion Baptist Church**

Rev. John I. Baster, Pastor

Sunday School 10:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship 9:45 a.m.

Evening Service 6:00 p.m.

Wed. Service 7:00 p.m.

**New Philadelphian Church of God in Christ**

Hiram & Linda Williams, Ministers

Sunday School 10:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship 9:45 a.m.

Evening Service 6:00 p.m.

**Abundant Life Center**

Hiram & Linda Williams, Ministers

Sunday School 10:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship 9:45 a.m.

Evening Service 6:00 p.m.

Wed. Service 7:00 p.m.

**Oak Grove Baptist Church**

Rev. John D. Johnson, Pastor

Sunday School 10:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship 9:45 a.m.

Evening Service 6:00 p.m.

Wed. Service 7:00 p.m.

**Elba First Baptist Church**

Rev. Robert Paul, Pastor

Sunday School 10:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship 9:45 a.m.

Evening Service 6:00 p.m.

Wed. Service 7:00 p.m.

**New Brockton Methodist Church**

Rev. John I. Baster, Pastor

Sunday School 10:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship 9:45 a.m.

Evening Service 6:00 p.m.

Wed. Service 7:00 p.m.

**Calvary Baptist Church**

Rev. Eddie Totten, Pastor

Sunday School 10:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship 9:45 a.m.

Evening Service 6:00 p.m.

Wed. Service 7:00 p.m.

**Hebron Baptist Church**

Rev. Eddie Totten, Pastor

Sunday School 10:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship 9:45 a.m.

Evening Service 6:00 p.m.

Wed. Service 7:00 p.m.

**Elba First Assembly of God**

Rev. Stephen D. Arad, Pastor

Sunday School 10:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship 9:45 a.m.

Evening Service 6:00 p.m.

Wed. Service 7:00 p.m.

**Elba Zion Baptist Church**

Lowell Martin, Pastor

Sunday School 9:45 a.m.

Morn. Worship 11:00 a.m.

Evening Service 6:00 p.m.

Wed. Service 7:00 p.m.

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**Elba First Baptist Church</**

# SCHOOLS

## WEHS NEWS staff named

by Kristy Ward

Last year, 10 students auditioned to become an Elba High School news anchor for the school-produced newscast. Of the student candidates worked really hard and prepared great video, but not all could be accepted. As their fellow classmates watched and voted, the students sat very impatiently and very nervously as they awaited their fate. When the results were announced, there were cheers, tears, and shouts of "CONGRATULATIONS!" throughout Elba High School. Out of 10, five students made the staff. Those five are: Anna, Blake, Crystal Frost and Marcus Henderson.

On Wednesday, July 18, four of these students joined WSFA Television Station. Anna Anderson, Blake, Branson, Crystal Frost and Marcus Henderson gave up a day of summer vacation to travel to Montgomery with Mrs. Margaret Calhoun. The tour of the television station included seeing the various sets for the local new shows, visiting the storm center with local meteorologist Rich Thomas, and participating in a question and answer session about weather.

Blake Branson said, "It is a fun job, but it has to be taken seriously for it to work."

So far, they have done a great job! Good luck and keep up the good work!

**EHS Faculty Spotlight**

by Miranda Russell



This week's EHS faculty spotlight is Mrs. Nelda G. Bailey. She is a high school graduate of New Brockton High School. She later graduated from Troy State University with a major in comprehensive science-education.

Before becoming a teacher, Mrs. Bailey worked for nine years as a medical technologist in Mobile, Jackson, Montgomery and Prattville hospitals. As a medical technologist, she enjoyed working with high school students who were training for comprehensive experience with those students inspired her to become a teacher.

Mrs. Bailey has been working for the Elba City School System for six years and teaches 12th grade anatomy and physiology.

**EHS student visits Australia**

by Charly Barlow

This summer Kristy Ward, a junior at Elba High School, had the opportunity of being a Rotary exchange student. Kristy visited Australia for nine weeks. While she was there she attended Leong High School which required students to wear uniforms. This school had a schedule consisting of eight periods a day instead of four, and the class

**Tigers return to "Foggy Bottom"**

by Gavin Mauldin

It was a hot, humid night along the banks of the Pea River Friday night, Aug. 24, as the Elba Tigers and Zion Chapel Rebels met for the first time ever compete in high school football at the Memorial Stadium. It was the first time the field had been used for high school football since 1993. The Tigers took the lead early and never looked back as they posted a 27-0 shutout. The defense only allowed 33 rushing yards

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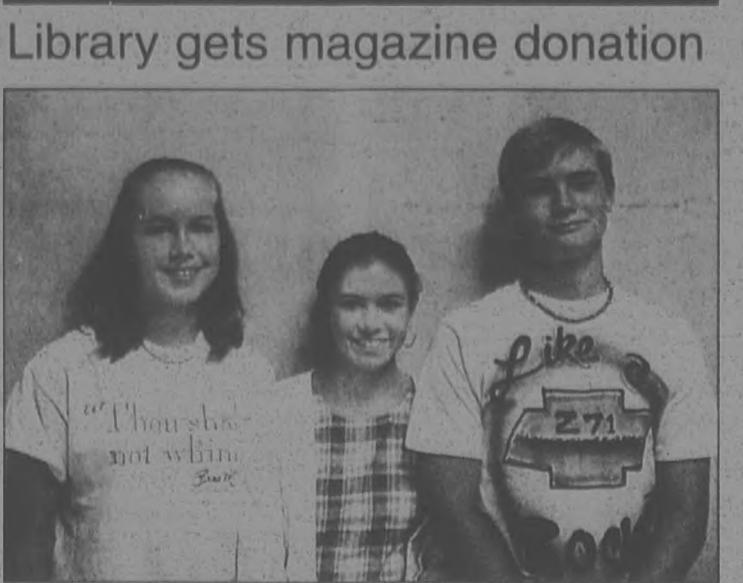
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## Tiger Tales

Editor:  
Katie Grimes

## Library gets magazine donation



by Hunter Branch

Chi Alpha Mu donated a subscription to "Southern Discoveries" to the Elba High School Library. "Southern Discoveries" is a nationally published magazine that highlights the State of Alabama. The magazine provides information for research and leisure reading. This donation is a service project for Chi Alpha Mu and helps ease the effects of prioritization. Mrs. Davis and the rest of the Chi Alpha Mu organization are happy to donate this subscription to the library.

Pictured above from left are Chi Alpha Mu officers: Ashleigh Waddell, Emily Paul and Bradley Bane.

**EHS Faculty Spotlight**

by Francke English

Mrs. Gena Benbow has been chosen to be in this week's Faculty Spotlight for Elba Elementary School.

She attended Elba High School and was a cheerleader. She went to Troy State University, where she got her BS in social rehabilitation and her MA in elementary education. For two years, Gena was a third grade aide. Following that, she spent three years as a sixth grade teacher. She is beginning her fourth year as a second grade teacher. Overall, she has spent eight years working for Elba City Schools.

Gena is married to Jeff Benbow. They have three children, Melissa (22), Emilee (19) and Alex (14). When asked what inspired her to become a teacher, Gena replied, "I love

working with children and have always enjoyed school. My mother, Gennette Kendrick, taught kindergarten for 26 years."

If she could no longer be a teacher, she would pursue a career as a marine biologist. In her spare time, she enjoys fishing and reading.

**Nick Nelson travels abroad**

by Brittany Daniels

"This is going to be a long trip," thought Nicholas Nelson as he boarded the plane for his three to four week journey.

Nicholas Nelson, son of John Ray Nelson and Christina Carpenter Nelson, both of Elba, now a seventh grader attending Elba High School. This past summer, Nick and a group of local students journeyed across the ocean to England, Ireland and Wales. They visited many historical sites and learned many interesting facts about these countries. When asked what he would say to inspire other students to do the same, Nick replied, "I would tell students to always try to perform to the best

**Students attend Governor's School**

by Amanda Spicer

From July 8 through July 20, Brittany Daniels and Katie Grimes, both 16-year-old seniors at EHS, spent their time at Governor's School.

Governor's School is a residential honors program and is held at Samford University in Birmingham for 13 days. Brittany participated in seminars about videography and Southern culture. Brittany said that her favorite part of Governor's School was the mandatory work. When asked

what she learned, she replied, "I learned that college is a really huge step in one's life, and I should put a lot of thought into what college and major I choose. It will impact my life in a great way."

Katie attended classes in photography and biology. Katie's favorite part of Governor's School was the atmosphere. Katie said, "I enjoyed getting an insight to what college will possibly be. The classes helped me explore my interests and opened up possible career choices for me."

**Co-Op Spotlight**

by Hunter Branch

This week's Co-Op spotlight is Katie Grimes. Katie is the 16-year-old daughter of Roy and Michelle Grimes. Katie is currently employed at the First Baptist Church of Elba where she does general office work. Katie is President of the VICA Club and a member of Senior Beta and Spanish clubs. Ms. Grimes also enjoys playing the piano at Ham United Methodist Church.

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## Wesley goes to Washington

by Jonallian Head

He came. He saw. He went. He now has stories. We're not talking about Superman or the common Wall-Street business tycoon, just Wesley Kelley, a very extraordinary student at EHS.

This summer Wesley was able to participate in a summit held at Washington, D.C. dedicated to sightseeing by the Alabama Electric Cooperative's most elite student researchers. You might ask yourselves what's so extraordinary about that but there is more to this than meets the eye.

The selection process was quite sophisticated. Initially, each individual enrolled within an advanced 11th grade English course had to submit a paper that illustrated the history of the AEC. After this, each paper was screened and selected by EHS teacher Kathy Tucker. The participants were narrowed down to 10 finalists. These "top 10" were evaluated further by AEC. Through this procedure, five students were handpicked for testing and interviews. Of course, Wesley will see the view of a lifetime.

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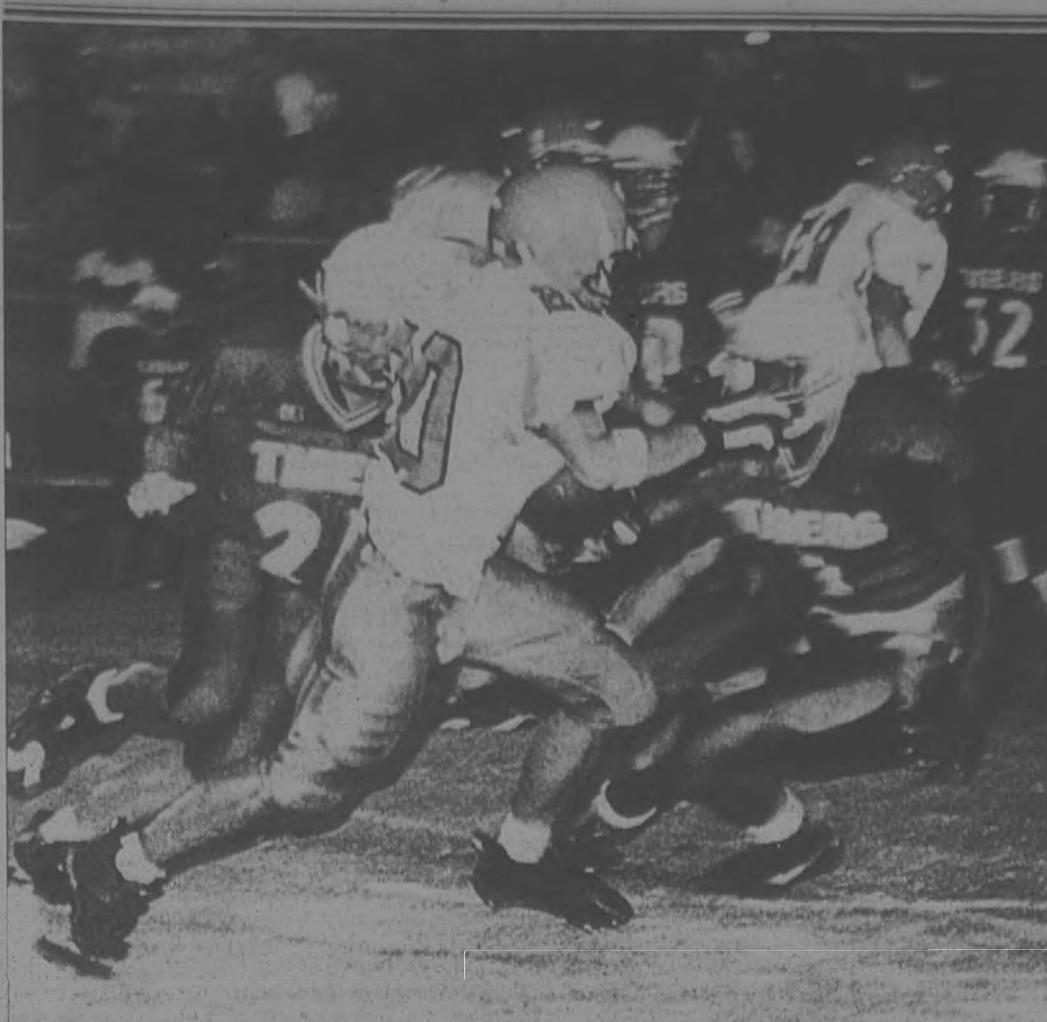
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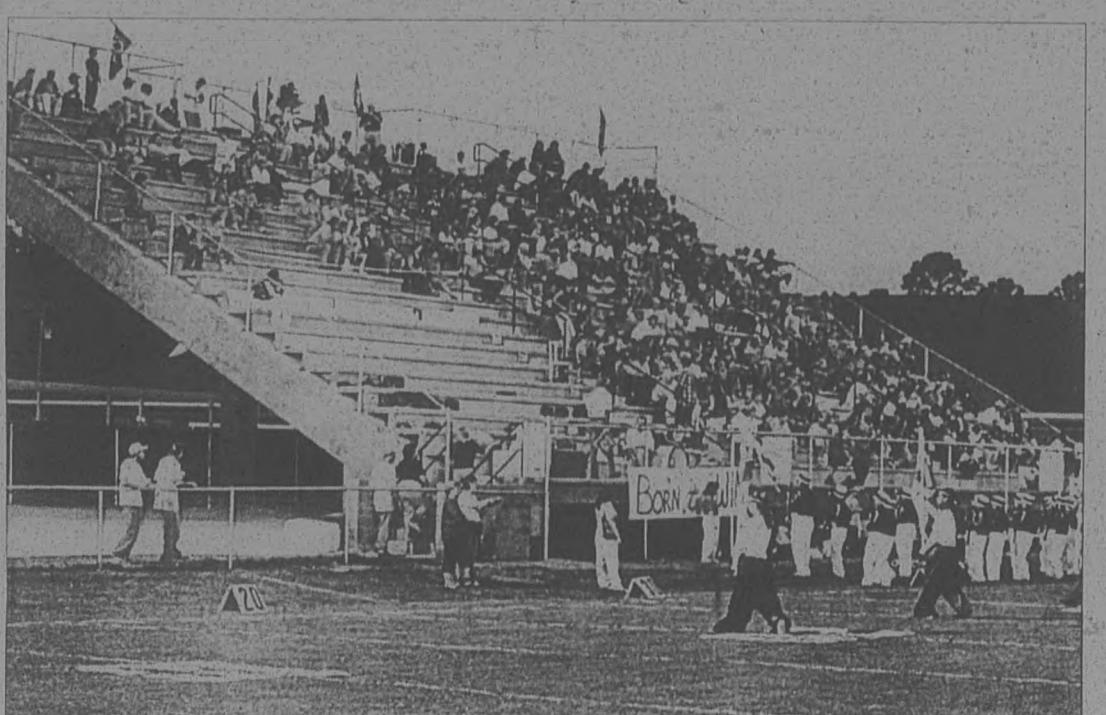
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# SPORTS



OFF AND RUNNING...is a Kinston Bulldog running back during opening week action against Samson. The Bulldogs will be back on the road this week when they travel to Hartford to meet the Geneva County Bulldogs.



## In opening week action Kinston outscored by Samson 41-12

by Tony Kelley, Sportswriter

The Kinston Bulldogs opened their season Thursday night in Samson and at the final horn found themselves to the short end of a 41-12 decision to the powerful Samson Tigers.

Samson received the opening kickoff and wasted little time grabbing the lead as Josh Morgan returned the kick 82 yards for a Tiger touchdown. The extra-point try failed, but the Tigers were on top 6-0 before many of the fans had even settled into their seats.

Kinston wasn't about to be outdone; however, and stunned Samson when Patrick Nelson took the ensuing kickoff and raced 12 yards for a Bulldog score. The Bulldogs also missed their extra-point attempt, but with early forty seconds gone into the 2001 season the fans on both sides of the field were already excited as the score was tied at 6-6.

The Bulldog defense turned back a Samson scoring threat on the Tigers next possession with a fumble recovery at the Kinston 12-yardline. However, the Bulldogs returned the favor with a fumble of their own, and this time the Tigers cashed in on the scoring opportunity when Josh Morgan connected with J.T. Thomas on a 26-yard touchdown pass. Timmy Bass converted the two-point conversion and the 5-25 remaining in the first quarter the Tigers were back on top 14-6.

Patrick Nelson returned the ensuing kick 22 yards to the 44. The Bulldogs lost another fumble on their ensuing possession but this time got a break of their own when Samson fumbled the ball into the Kinston endzone for a touchback.

Kinston put the ball in play at its own 20-yardline following the touchback, and once again showed its speed on offense as on third down Patrick Nelson broke loose and rambled 73 yards for a Bulldog touchdown. A two-point conversion failed.

Timmy Bass added a third quarter score on a 29-yard touchdown run and Raymond Easter scored on an 80-yard sprint early in the fourth quarter as Samson pulled away late to post the big 41-12 win over Kinston.

Patrick Nelson led the Bulldogs on the ground with 111 yards on 19 carries, while Ryan Anderson added 27 yards on 7 carries. Timmy Bass led Samson with 174 yards on 15 carries.



Kinston Bulldog cheerleaders had plenty to cheer about early as the Bulldogs battled Samson on even terms for much of the opening half.

Samson was very much alive as the Bulldogs had cut the Samson lead to 21-12.

Samson was determined to regain command, and did just that only moments later when Timmy Bass took a handoff and raced 48 yards for a Tiger touchdown. Thomas tracked in the extra-point and when the teams went in at the half Samson was in control with a 26-12 lead.

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## Brantley sneaks past Shields 6-0

by Greg Brunson,  
Sportswriter

The Brantley Bulldogs and J.F. Shields Panthers kicked off the 2001 high school football season Thursday night with a defensive struggle and in the end a Brantley defense that scored the only points of the night as the Bulldogs claimed a hard fought 6-0 win in Brantley.

The Bulldogs missed their first scoring opportunity when Cedric Jones missed a 21-yard field-goal attempt late in the first quarter, while after an exchange of punts, the Bulldogs again drove deep into Panther territory, this time behind the running of Devaris Skanes. Brantley got as close as the J.F. Shields 17-yardline, but again failed to cash in on the scoring chance, as the score remained locked at 0-0.

Brantley had one more chance to get on the scoreboard before the half, but Joseph Manuel intercepted a Channing Spivey pass in the endzone and raced 35 yards down the sidelines for the only score of the night.

Cedric Jones' extra-point try failed, but with 4:37 left on the clock Brantley was finally on top 6-0.

Michael Mitchell intercepted two Joseph Manuel passes in the closing minutes to put an end to any of J.F. Shields' hopes for a comeback, and at the final horn the Bulldogs left the field with the 6-0 win.

Devaris Skanes gained 55 yards on 24 carries to lead Brantley, while the Bulldog defense was led by Bobby Phillips, Sergio Burnett and Jamial Jones.



Brantley Bulldog head coach David Lowery talks with his team during a time out in Thursday night's 6-0 win over J.F. Shields. Listening is Bulldog assistant coach Roland Jones (visiting visor).

However, on a second down play Brantley's Jimmy Mitchell escaped on a Panther fumble and raced 35 yards down the sidelines for the only score of the night.

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### STATISTICS

B	1st Downs	2nd
30-46	Rushes-Yds	37-75
0	Passing-Yds	0
46	Total Offense	75
0-51	Passes	0-6-2
144	Return Yds.	14
4-20	Penalties-Yds	11-107
0	Fumbles-Lost	2
4-37	Punts-Ave.	5-37

Brantley Bulldog fans filled the new concrete stands for the opening game of the season last week against J.F. Shields. The newly renovated stadium included a move for the Brantley fans to the opposite side of the field. However, no complaints were heard as the new seating gave all Bulldog fans a great view of the field. Friday night the Bulldogs will host the Highland Home Flying Squadron, with both teams bringing 1-0 records into the cross-county clash. Kickoff is set for 7:30 p.m.

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Brantley's Bobby Phillips (79) and a Bulldog teammate combine to stop a Shields runner for a short gain. The Bulldog defense recorded a shut-out and scored the only points of the game in Brantley's 6-0 win. Also pictured is Jimmy Mitchell (24).

# SPORTS



A Zion Chapel Rebel running back heads outside for a big gain in Friday night's cross-county clash against the New Brockton defense. Making key blocks are Rebel teammates Heath Killingsworth (34) and Marcus Murphy (60).



HERE COME THE GAMECOCKS...The New Brockton Gamecocks were ready to hit the field Friday night for their annual battle against Zion Chapel. The Gamecocks made the early-season clash a Gamecock coming out party as New Brockton scored early and often in a 39-0 win. This week the Gamecocks will hit the road to battle the G.W. Long Rebels. Kickoff for the game is 7:00 p.m.

## Opens season with big win

### New Brockton rips Rebels 39-0

From combined reports

The New Brockton Gamecocks wiped out a year of frustration in a matter of only two hours Friday night as they pounded the Zion Chapel Rebels 39-0, in the season opener for both county rivals.

Neither team could mount a drive on their initial series of the game. However, the Gamecocks began their second series at their own 45-yardline and quickly marched downfield to grab the lead.

The touchdown came on a 27-yard pass from Joseph Sawyer to Tyler Simmons, and the extra-point was true, as the Gamecocks moved ahead 7-0 with 4:13 left in the opening stanza.

New Brockton tipped its lead to 14-0 on its next series on a 3-yard scamper by Tyler Simmons, and after a Rebel fumble increased its lead to 20-0 on a 14-yard touchdown run by Bradley Owens.

The Gamecocks' Ray Magwood capped off a 50-yard scoring drive with a 15-yard touchdown run as New Brockton upped its lead to 26-0, while the next Gamecock score was set-up by a pass interception.

Daniel Hernandez made 8 tackles to lead the New Brockton defense, while Demetrius Foster chipped in with 7 tackles and Tyler Simmons had 5 stops. Zane Tracey made 9 tackles to lead the Rebels, while Wesley Grant had 7 stops.

### STATISTICS

1st Downs	2nd	3rd	4th
11	1st Downs	3	3
37-42	Rushes-Yds	34-55	53
0	Passing-Yds	0	108
361	Total Offense	361	108
2-4-0	Passes	3-7-1	3-7-1

Heath Killingsworth gained 108 yards on 16 carries and scored 3 touchdowns to lead the Gamecocks.

### WEEK #2 PREP FOOTBALL PREVIEW

The high school football season begins with week #2 this Friday night, and for area teams it looks like another tough week ahead as all four teams face stiff tests.

Following are previews of this week's games.

### NEW BROCKTON AT G.W. LONG

The New Brockton Gamecocks put an end to one streak last week and will be looking to get another started Friday night when they travel to Skipperville to battle the highly-ranked G.W. Long Rebels.

The Gamecocks rolled over 400 yards in offense last week in their easy 39-0 romp past Zion Chapel, and unveiled a powerful running game and a solid defense. The Brockton ground game was paced by Tyler Simmons, Ray Magwood and Bradley Owens, while the defense was sparked by Randy Danford, Demetrius Foster and Daniel Hernandez. The winner, Zion Chapel put an end to the Gamecocks' 11-game losing streak, and the Gamecocks are looking to make it two straight wins against the talented Rebels from Skipperville.

G.W. Long has been a power on the gridiron for years, and this season is looking to steal the region crown away from Brantley. The Rebels opened the season with an easy 46-0 win over Lowndesboro, and the defense will have to be ready for the Bulldogs from Kinston, who will come to town hungry after last week's big win.

The Bulldogs struggled on offense last week and managed less than fifty yards in total offense, but rode the efforts of the Brantley defense in claiming a 6-0 win over J.F. Shields. With a sophomore quarterback and a freshman tailback, Brantley will struggle early on in the offensive side of the ball. It will fall up to the defense to keep the 'Dogs close, and that was obvious last week.

Highland Home opened the season with a 42-0 win over Limestone last week and will be looking forward to this week's clash with Brantley. The Squadron tamed the Bulldogs last season, and would enjoy nothing more than to hand the Bulldogs a loss for the second straight season. With speed from full strength last week in a big loss to New Brockton, the Rebels had to shuffle players around in their season opener and it was evident as they failed to get anything going on either side of the football. With two weeks of action under their belt, Zion Chapel should begin to make steps toward becoming a solid football team this week.

The Houston Co. Lions will be looking to improve on their 1-1 record this season as they travel to the South in the 2A ranks. The Lions opened their season last week with a hard fought 28-20 win over Ashford, but the close call will do little to wake up the Lions that thought the 2001 season would be easy, and that will not be good for the Rebels.

This week shapes up as a mismatch on paper. However, the Rebels will battle hard to defend their home turf, and should be ready to show signs of becoming a good 1A club.

### HIGHLAND HOME AT ZION CHAPEL

The Brantley Bulldogs will be looking to improve to 2-0 this week in a measure of revenge for a loss last season when they lost the Highland Home Flying Squadron to Brantley, 41-0.

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SEPT. 10	SAMSON	V	6:00	ELBA HIGH
DAUPHIN	JR.	4:00		ENTERPRISE JR.
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SEPT. 10	OPP	JV	3:30	ELBA HIGH
OPP	V	4:30		ELBA HIGH
SEPT. 13	SAMSON	JV	4:00	SAMSON
SAMSON	JV	5:00		SAMSON
SEPT. 17	LUVERNE	V (2)	4:00	LUVERNE
DAUPHIN	JR.	4:00		ELBA HIGH
ENTERPRISE	JR.	5:00		ELBA HIGH
SEPT. 20	ANDALUSIA	JR.	4:00	ELBA HIGH
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SEPT. 22	LINDA ROGERS TOURNAMENT			OZARK
SEPT. 24	ARITON	JV	4:30	ARITON
ARITON	V	5:30		ARITON
SEPT. 25	OPP	JV	3:30	OPP
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OCT. 2	NEW BROCKTON	JR.	4:00	ELBA HIGH
NEW BROCKTON	JV	6:00		ELBA HIGH
NEW BROCKTON	V	7:00		ELBA HIGH
OCT. 4	ARITON	JV	4:30	ELBA HIGH
ARITON	V	5:30		ELBA HIGH
OCT. 8	NEW BROCKTON	JR.	4:00	NEW BROCKTON
NEW BROCKTON	JV	5:00		NEW BROCKTON
NEW BROCKTON	V	6:00		NEW BROCKTON
OCT. 15	LUVERNE	V	4:00	ELBA HIGH
LUVERNE	V	5:00		ELBA HIGH
PIKE COUNTY	V	6:00		ELBA HIGH
ANDALUSIA	JR.	3:30		ANDALUSIA
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OCT. 22	AREA TOURNAMENT	TBA		ELBA HIGH
OCT. 27	SUB-STATE TOURNAMENT			TBA
NOV. 3	STATE TOURNAMENT			PELHAM

Seasons and bag limits include major changes from previous seasons for waterfowl seasons

Seasons and bag limits for the 2001-2002 waterfowl season include some major changes from previous seasons, according to a statement made by the Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries Division of the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources.

A major change is that shooting hours are one and one-half

hours before sunrise to sunset, statewide for all waterfowl.

The special Canada Goose season began on Sept. 1, and will continue through Sept. 31, with limits of 5 per day and 10 in possession.

The special teal season will be from Sept. 8-23, with limits of 4 per day and 8 in possession.

Another major change is that canvasback may be hunted

only from Jan. 12-31, while the

season for other ducks, coots,

and mergansers will be from

Nov. 23-25 and Dec. 15-Jan. 31.

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### Let's Go...

#### Outdoors with Ben

by Ben Norman, Sports Columnist

**Don't Let A Little Mud Hole Ruin Your Big Trip**

Outdoors people are going to get their vehicle stuck in the mud or snow; it's just a fact of life in the outdoors. But there are ways we can do to reduce the frequency of watching our wheels sink mud. Having the basic tools to get a vehicle out of the muck can salvage a mired trip, also.

Roads to outdoor locations often have at least one major mud hole before the final destination. How do we know these areas determine whether we enjoy our planned activity or spend several hours trying to dig out and push our vehicle out of the snow?

Determining that it is safe to cross the sidewall is the first consideration. If it seems safe enough, negotiate the mud hole at just enough speed to keep the vehicle moving forward is usually best. Trying to get up enough speed to blast through it can lead to spin outs and vehicle damage. Large aggressive tire treads have a tendency to "dig in" if too much throttle is applied and a vehicle can be sitting on its axle before the driver realizes it. Apply just enough gas to keep the forward momentum.

Owners of 4-wheel drive vehicles can use a "sawing" technique to gain extra traction from the front drive. By continuously turning the steering wheel slightly left then right as you drive through the mud, the side tires will grip the mud better.

But what if our best mud driving skills prove inadequate and we become stuck? Reducing the air pressure in the tires on the pulling axle(s) will often increase traction enough to get free. Extreme caution must be used when reducing air pressure to avoid the tire bead breaking loose from the wheel when you apply throttle. Extreme speed can cause the sidewall to break.

The same person should deflate both tires, using an air gauge to ensure not too much air is let out. My brother, Bill and I got hopelessly stuck in a sand bed once. I proceeded to let half the air out of the rear tire on my side and told him to do the same on his side, which was really dug in. The truck pulled out, but a very audible "flop, flop, flop" was coming from his side. Dear brother had let all the air out of the tire on his side! The next few minutes resulted in an intense discussion about Bill's IQ as we changed tires in 100 degree heat.

Anyone venturing into remote areas should have basic equipment to fix a stuck vehicle. A winch or portable "come-a-long" with enough cable and/or straps, a small scoop and an ax are indispensable.

Skillful driving and the right equipment will allow us to play in the great outdoors, and not in the mud hole we encounter.

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## COMMUNITY NEWS

TSUD Creative Writing Club accepting submissions from area writers

Troy State University Dothan's Creative Writing Club is now accepting submissions for the 2001 Cooper Blade Review. The annual literary collection is dedicated to

showcase the writing talent of TSUD student and community writers, and is now in its sixth year of publication.

The Cooper Blade Review will feature a superb array of

works with poems, short stories, essays, and short plays. Submissions will be accepted by any person of any age that is interested in trying their hand at creative writing. This will be a chance for the surrounding community writers and TSUD students to have their work published and showcased to the public.

To submit a literary piece or to purchase a past edition of the Cooper Blade Review, please contact the TSUD

Creative Writing Club, P.O. Box 8368, Dothan, AL 36304 or call Chris Bryant at 983-6556, ext. 393 or Fred Feagin at 983-6556, ext. 235.



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A Service of the Elba Church of Christ

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Unknown

Yes!

The scientist's great pursuit of the past ends at the moment of creation. Man cannot look back into the past any further than the point when time began. Every effect must have a cause. Therefore even time is an effect as the cause of time is time. The question then is, what is the cause of time is to be something or someone eternal.

The Great Cause is God as the psalmist wrote: "Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever thou hadst formed the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting, thou art God" (Psalm 90:2).

There was a time when there was a beginning to the universe. The evolutionist says that there must have been a "Big Bang" that caused everything to begin in motion. But before matter existed, what could have banged? From nothing, nothing comes, which is a scientific law. Matter cannot create mind, therefore the conclusion must be that all powerful mind created matter. That all powerful mind is God as stated in the Bible. "In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth" (Genesis 1:1).

We know this to be true for even nature is in agreement with this great fact as the psalmist wrote: "The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handiwork" (Psalm 19:1).

Jimmy Simmons

If you would like to submit a question for consideration to be used in this column, please send it to: "Questions and Answers," c/o Elba Church of Christ, P.O. Box 269, Elba, AL 36323. We invite everyone to attend the services of the Elba Church of Christ. Bible classes begin on Sunday mornings at 9:00, worship at 10:00 A.M. and 6:00 P.M. and Bible Study on Wednesdays at 7:00 P.M.



Dr. Faith Drumheller with Pebbles. Pebbles was recently spayed.

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"We're anxious to measure the results of a comprehensive project like this one."

Locally, Dr. Faith B. Drumheller is the only veterinarian known to be participating with Maddie's Fund at the pre-



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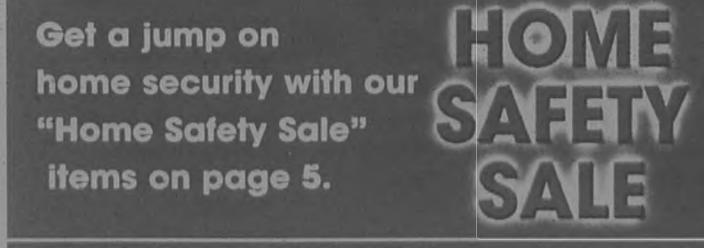


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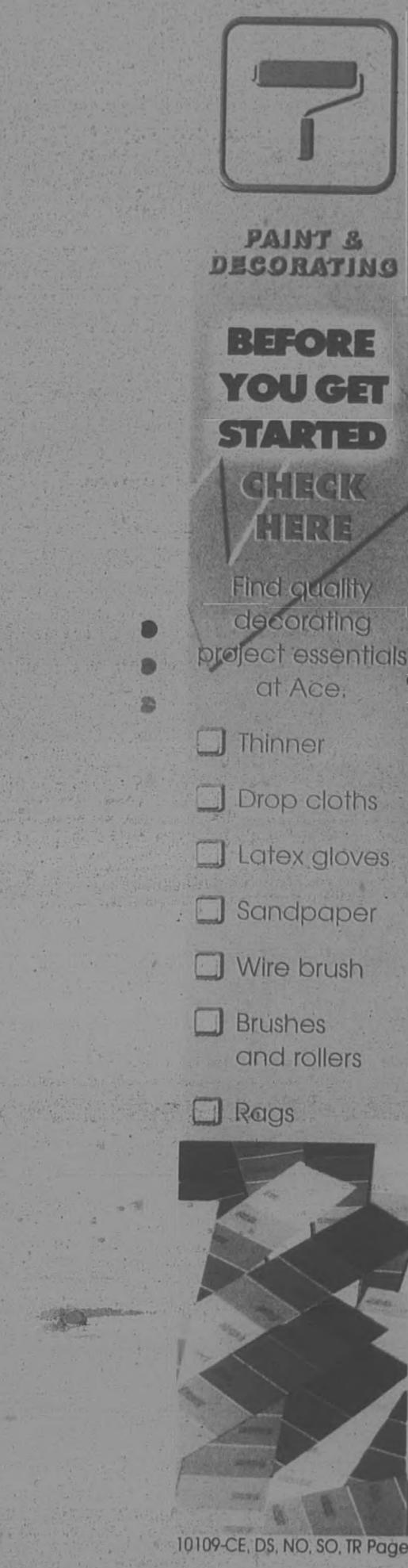
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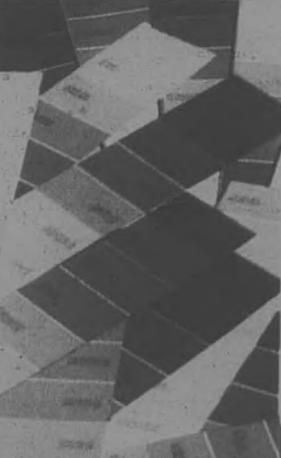
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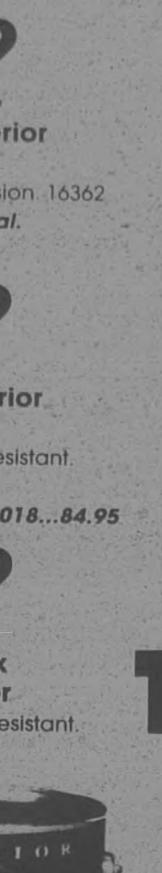
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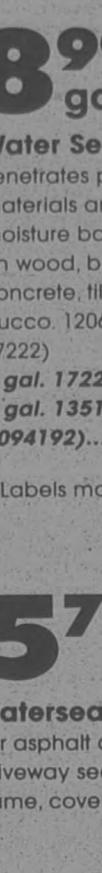
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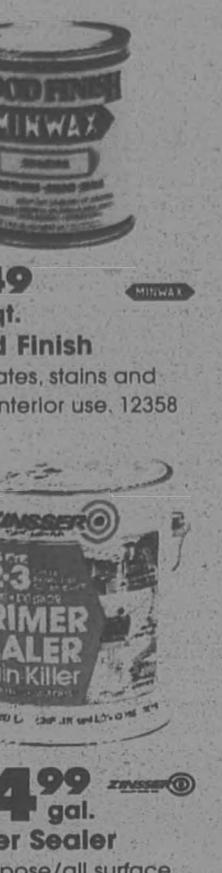
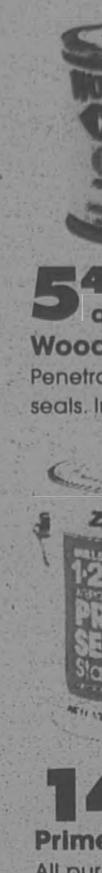


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## Elba police chief submits letter of resignation to council

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

The Elba City Council members began their meeting Monday evening thinking their hardest decision was adopting a budget for the coming year; approving a financial resolution to allow the levee project to move forward and paying the monthly bills. However each council member appeared to be in shock as Mayor James

Grimes read a letter of resignation from Police Chief R. W. Whitworth, who has served the City of Elba as chief for the past five years.

While the letter indicated the chief wanted to leave the position as soon as possible, due to personal obligations and health problems of a family member in North Alabama, the council

dropped any action on the request.

Council members asked for a

chance to sit down and talk with Whitworth before he made the decision final. He agreed to sit down and discuss the matter, but indicated his decision has been made and it is best for him to continue in that direction.

Words of praise and/or appreciation were echoed by several council members as they voted unanimously to table acceptance of the resignation letter. No date was set for further consideration

of Whitworth's letter.

Council members were presented with a copy of a recommended budget for the year 2001-2002 by Mayor James Grimes. They will vote on this at the next regular council meeting scheduled for September 24th. The total projected revenue is currently up by \$105,000, but that is due to an increase of \$137,000 in the annual transfers from the Elba Water and

Electric Board. The recommended budget for the City of Elba is based on a projected \$2,418,000 in total income during the coming year. This includes anticipated drops in police revenue, sales and use taxes, gasoline tax, tobacco tax, garbage fees, sewer fees, building permits, cable TV franchise tax and telephone franchise tax. Increases in addition to the W&E transfer include privilege licenses, police fines, gas excise, TVA profits, Sr. Citizens Center and SE Ala Gas transfer.

The largest cuts in the upcoming budget include the \$20,000 to Economic Development, street department supplies, cut by \$10,000 and repairs cut by \$5,000; recreation department maintenance, cut by \$5,000 and uniforms & equipment cut by \$10,000 and general fund debt retirement at \$60,000. However the largest increase comes with beginning repayment to the US Department of Agriculture of the sewer improvement loan and interest

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## Coffee County BOE hears concerns of NBES parents

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The Coffee County Board of Education listened last Thursday evening, Aug. 6, during the regular meeting of the board as a spokesperson for the New Brockton Elementary School PTO (Parent Teacher Organization) expressed some concerns from parents.

"We are concerned about our county schools," said Wanda Shirley, spokesperson for the New Brockton Elementary School PTO. "In our role as parents, we want to show our teachers, administrators, board and children that we are involved."

Shirley said it seems as though the county schools get so much less than city schools, and the parents of county school children want to see changes made in school funding.

"We are quite frankly tired of our children being held hostage for proration," she said. "We want school funding fixed."

In an attempt to help, Shirley told board members that parents of the New Brockton Elementary School PTO are planning to write letters to legislators asking for changes in education funding.

Another issue Shirley discussed with board members was class size.

She said it was her understanding from a conversation with Superintendent Dr. Linda

Ingram that New Brockton Elementary School had a decrease in students of 14.5 last year which in turn forced the school to lose one-half of a teacher unit.

"All of our foundation units (teachers) are where they were garned," Ingram said.

She said the State Department of Education calculates the number of teacher units a school earns based on the student attendance from the prior year, and New Brockton Elementary currently is over by 2.6 teacher units as compared to the number that are under the suggested cap.

The superintendent said there are some grades within the county school system that are over the state's suggested size by a couple of students, but at the same time there are some that are under the suggested cap.

Board chairman Charles Walker asked the superintendent what it would cost to hire additional teachers so all grades would be under the suggested cap size.

Ingram said it would cost approximately \$50-55,000 per class including benefits.

Overall, she said the school system would probably have to hire seven or eight additional teachers to reach this status.

"We're sympathetic to the

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## Commission approves change in depository after debate

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The Coffee County Commission received an update from the Coffee County Water Authority Monday, Sept. 10, during the regularly monthly meeting of the commission.

James Paulk, chairman of the county water authority, said the paperwork for the water project had been sent to Montgomery; however, it was not approved because of lack of sign-ups.

"We've been told we need at least 300 more sign-ups," Paulk said.

Currently, he said the water authority has approximately 715 people signed up for the water project with some of those coming from across the county line. In Coffee County, he said there are about 650-675 people signed up.

Matt Mobley, project engineer, said the area with the most customers is District 4, and the Fairview area has the fewest sign-ups.

"Right now, raising the rates is not an option," said Mobley. "We will probably have to cut back some of the sign-ups if we don't get the additional 300."

He said it is very important for the county commission, volunteer fire departments and citizens to encourage people to sign up for the project. Otherwise, Coffee County will miss out on \$2.7 million of free money from the government.

"You don't know with this type of grant money if this kind of opportunity will come again," Mobley said.

David Hicks, project engineer, said his engineering company has done several projects like the one in Coffee County.

He particularly mentioned Covington County where they had trouble in the beginning with getting enough sign-ups.

"There are two things everyone is concerned with: fire protection and the checkbook," said Hicks. "I believe the commission could take a more active role along with the volunteer fire departments in helping to sell this project to the people who don't know about it and its advantages."

He said in Covington County the volunteer fire departments got so much money for every person they got to sign up for the project.

"We actually ended up with 100 more than we had," he said. "We want school funding fixed."

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Commissioner presented to Rayfield Reynolds by New Brockton Town Council

for history."

The New Brockton Town Council presented a proclamation to a local citizen Monday night, Sept. 10, during its regular monthly meeting.

New Brockton Mayor Charles Cole presented the proclamation to Rayfield Reynolds of Elba for the work he has been doing in an effort to assist the town in its erection of a peanut butter monument.

Dated Sept. 10, 2001, the proclamation permanently recognizes Reynolds for his contributions to the town of New Brockton with his inventions that improved the quality of peanut butter made in the mid-1930s in the town. The resolution also recognizes Reynolds for the furniture he has been making over the last several years and his contribution to the town to sell and raise money for the erection of the monument.

"I appreciate you (council) helping me get this monument started," said Reynolds. "It's something to help when the kids come to my shop and always want me to tell them some history. That's the reason I wanted to start this monument so the kids can come to New Brockton

field officer," said Gilbert. "He is going to be an asset to our department."

Council member Ron McMonagle cast the lone vote in favor of the resolution.

In his update, the police chief said his department issued the following traffic citations dur-

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## Area Happenings

**HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL.** On Friday, Sept. 14, the Elba Tigers will travel to Limestone, the New Brockton Gamecocks will be at home against Wadley, the Clinton Bulldogs will be at home against Arison, the Zebulon Rebels will travel to Pleasant Home and the Blountsville Bulldogs will be at home against G.W. Long. Kickoff for all games will be 7:30 p.m.

**BONFIRE PLANNED IN JULIA.** The citizens of Elba are invited to attend Elba's largest bonfire ever on Thursday, Sept. 20, at 7:30 p.m. at Elba High School. Everyone is invited to come out and support the Elba High football players, band and cheerleaders as they prepare for the first home game of the season on Friday, Sept. 21, where the Tigers will take on the Opel Bobcats.

**COFFEE COUNTY RETIRED TEACHERS MEETING.** The Coffee County Association of Retired Teachers and Support Personnel will hold its first meeting of the 2001-2002 year on Tuesday, Sept. 25, at the College Avenue Church of Christ in Enterprise at 5:30 p.m. All Coffee County retired teachers and school support personnel are invited to attend this Fall Fellowship honoring the 2001 retirees.

**CHAMBER BANQUET.** The Elba Chamber of Commerce will hold its annual banquet Thursday, Sept. 27, at 6:30 p.m. in the Elba High School cafeteria area. Doors for the event will be causal.

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New Brockton Mayor Charles Cole presents a resolution to Rayfield Reynolds of Elba recognizing his continued support of the town. New Brockton Town Council members Rodger Harrison, Jody Stuckey, Ricky Strickland and Ron McMonagle stand in the background.